

HOW 'GUNBOAT' GOT HIS NAME

Smith's Wallop Reputed To Have Killed Two Men At Same Blow.

Johnny Simpson, the Oakland (Cal.) promoter, and manager of Battling Grey, the Mexican middleweight who appears in the title fight with "Gunboat" Smith, who was in the war, while visiting in Milwaukee and looking over the handsome boxing arena at the auditorium, the California sportsman began recalling some of his earlier experiences in the boxing game.

When I landed into Oakland after having been badly hurt in a railway accident, I became a matchmaker of a boxing club," said Simpson, "I suggested Smith, who was in the war at the time, and a big hero named Jackson or some such name, but the other members favored the other prospect. Finally I bought out their bid for \$100 and went ahead.

Smith first fought in the state of California and the result was that the night of the fight the place was packed. The fight was tremendous and so did Smith. When they faced each other some was called: "Gully" look at the gunboats, meaning the under properties of the two men in the ring. The name stuck and it was "Gunboat" Smith after that. And, oh, how the "Gunboat" Smith was called! They went along for a round or two and then let a hay-maker which landed right on the nose of Smith and he hit the floor as though he had been knocked down with a sledgehammer. He must have had some ailment, for he did not get up and Eddie Smith, the referee, now dead, called for a doctor. In the meantime, the crowd in the gallery began calling for me and I went up to see what the trouble was. Hey, Tommy, this man just got hit and when I got down to the ring again to attend to getting the fight on, Eddie Smith said: "Tommy, this fellow is dead. You can imagine my feelings about that time, but to cap the climax some rough-neck came in without the least bit of sympathy. The Gunboat has some wallop to kill those two guys with one blow."

"Did I make any money on the show?" did you say?

"Yes, I cleaned up \$1000 and that is really where I got my start in the game."

AMATEUR BOXING TITLES TO BE DECIDED IN HORTON

New York, Jan. 26.—Secretary F. W. Hahn, of the Amateur Athletic Union, announced here last night that this year's national boxing championship tournament would be held at Madison Square Garden, under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union, April 1 and 2.

The International boxing championship tournament has been awarded to the Brotherhood of American Railway Employees (Brotherhood), who have arranged for the event in eight classes. They will be decided at Madison Square Garden here on March 27 and 28.

HANSTON KAYES KELLY

Hartington, Ark., Jan. 26.—Jimmy Hanston, of Denver, defeated Paddy Kelly, of St. Louis, here last night in the fifth round of a scheduled ten round bout. The men are lightweights.

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REYES ANXIOUS TO MEET MURPHY

To Defend Title Against Hard Hitting Wright; Alamanza Wants Bout.

Battling Kid Reyes has accepted the challenge of Tommy Murphy, of Fort Bliss, now training at Fabens. "I see stated Reyes Wednesday, "and I am just as anxious for the meeting as he is. I do not know that Murphy claims the welterweight title of the border but at times his friends have made such claim. Baby Cabell won that title by beating down every opponent who came his way for several years. I defeated Cabell and took the title. I still hold it. If Murphy is a better man, let him get it as I did—take it from the man who holds it. I am very willing to give him the chance."

Reyes stated that the Stodorum is a suitable arena to settle the question of border writer honors, adding that the sooner Murphy's manager gets in communication for final agreement for the bout the better.

While Reyes and Hard Hitting Wright have not yet signed articles, it is understood that they will be the next day of butlers to head a 24th Infantry battle at Columbus, N. M.

Jack Alamanza, Reyes' sparring partner, is anxious to secure a bout with any good Fort Bliss boy at 125 pounds. In workouts with Reyes Alamanza looks to be a worthy opponent for the boys of his weight about Bliss. A bout would tell.

—THE COMEBACK OF SPORTS—

Return of Championships and General Revival of Game Will Mark Comeback of Golf This Year, Says President Wheeler, of U. S. Golf Association—Believes Game Will Start Growing Where It Left Off With U. S. Entry Into War.

By JACK VEDICK.

GOLF.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The coming of peace will see the return of national, sectional and local championships in the realm of golf.

Temporarily halted in its growth by the entry of the United States into the great world war, the Scotch game is ready now to bloom forth again as strong as ever. Prospects for its revival this year are as bright as the prospects of any other sport to return to its normal place.

The United States Golf association, which is the national parent body, numbers among its members golf clubs in every section of the United States. It fosters golf as a national institution and encourages the efforts of sectional golf bodies as well as individual clubs wherever possible.

Frederick S. Wheeler, president of the U. S. G. A., believes that the prospects for the comeback of golf are rosy. He believes that the coming season will see the game grow more popular than ever before.

"Golf is a game that appeals to a vast army of people of all ages," says president Wheeler. "It is healthful and pleasure giving recreation and pastime, and I see nothing in the way to hinder its steady return to normal conditions with the war at an end. In fact, I candidly believe there will be a general increase in the activities of golf during the present year."

Many followers of golf are business men who were occupied in various lines which were necessary in the conduct of the war. Because of this they found but little time to devote to golf after the entry of this country into the conflict. These players will return to the game as the urgent duties of war time business are lifted from their shoulders.

In addition, there were many followers of golf in the various

branches of the service, and because of the war the national, as well as other championship fixtures were suspended.

"The present year will mark the return of the national, local and sectional or intersectional championship tournaments, and the result should be a general stimulation of interest. Peace means a general returning to the game by all of its followers."

In advance of the annual meeting of the association, which is to be held here January 24, it is impossible to tell what the members of the association may have in mind for the coming season. I believe, however, that reports will show that the national organization actually gained membership during the year 1918. I believe there were eight or ten new clubs taken into membership.

The building of new golf courses should follow the coming of peace in its estimation. Construction on a number of courses was halted by the war, as sentiment prevailed that it was unpatriotic to employ labor in the building of links, which were non-essential. But now that labor will be available for practically everything, new courses will undoubtedly be laid out in various parts of the country. The idea of conservation will also be advanced.

Raised Big War Funds.

The United States Golf association and its various units responded gladly to the call for assistance in raising funds for war charities during the year 1918. Individual clubs staged many patriotic tournaments and turned the entire proceeds over to the Red Cross or other charities. Individual golfers gladly gave their services in exhibition matches, and the various championships held their bit wherever possible to assist in the war fund efforts.

With the come back of the national amateur and sectional championships, the various sectional title tournaments for both men and women and the numerous local, state and intersectional events, golf should flourish during the year.

ALTHOUGH possessing the best of Australian middleweights who were also mightily hot to beat.

SPORTOGRAPHY By "Gravy"

A pitching staff in the National League, president and manager Mitchell has purchased another hurler in the person of Elwood "Speed" Martin, the sturdy youth who was a member of the staff for the closing month of the 1913 season. While Martin was with the Cubs last season, he really belonged to the Oakland club, having been carried by Chicago after the Pacific Coast league closed its gates for the duration of the war. When the Cubs finished their curtailed schedule Martin was returned to the Oakland club. In the few games he has worked for the Mitchell outfit he made a very good impression. Martin has an unusual curve ball and a fast one so fast that he was nicknamed "Speed" but he possesses a level head and more than ordinary baseball cunning. He can mix up his assortment of curves, speedy ones and slow balls, almost as well as some of the cunning old timers of slush fame. It was his all around ability that decided Mitchell to take him on.

GARDNER—ROOT BOIT RECALLS FORMER MIDDLEWEIGHT STARS

It was just several years ago today that George Gardner and Jack Root met in San Francisco in one of their several battles, and the encounter serves to recall the wealth of middleweight material in the ring during the "good old days." Leaving champions out of consideration, when the middleweight today who would stand a chance with such men as Brookley, Jimmy Carroll, Jim Hall, Dan Creedon, Pete McCoy, Tommy Ryan, Frank Craig, Young Mitchell, Danny Keleher, and others? And among these Root and Gardner were together. On the occasion of their battle 17 years ago Root was the victor, winning on a foul in the seventh round, but in their other engagements Gardner proved to be the better man. Jack Root was Chicagoan and a fast, game and scientific boxer. He returned the middleweight class soon after the San Francisco bout with Gardner and challenged Kid McCoy to battle for the light heavyweight championship of the world. McCoy accepted and the bout was scheduled for Fort Erie, Ont., but it fell through. In April, 1902, they were matched to fight in New York, but Root, repeatedly knocked McCoy down, and the clever Hoosier needed all his skill to keep from being knocked out. Root won all the way. After quitting the ring Root became a theatrical magnate.

George Gardner was another near champion who could have made any of the present middleweights look silly. He was an Irishman from County Clare and during his career of a hundred battles he whipped such good men as Peter Maher, a heavyweight; Root, Walcott, and many others. In 1902 he fought 28 rounds with Jack Johnson, and the following year he stayed 26 rounds with Bob Fitzsimmons, although he lost the decision.

Brooklyn Jimmy Carroll was another middleweight who never held a title, but when in it, he was in his prime. Nick any two middleweights of the present. Carroll might have won the title from Jack Dempsey, but the two were firm friends and Jimmy always refused to challenge his pal. Jim Hall and Dan Creedon were a pair.

SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR FOR BOX AND GIANTS

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26.—Invasion of South America by two major league baseball teams next winter is the plan of Charles Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, who is home today from Florida, where he has been for several weeks.

Mr. Comiskey said he had made tentative plans to combine forces with the New York Giants and send two teams to South America shortly after the close of next season.

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